

Amendments to the Specification:

*Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This patent application is a continuation-in-part of assignee's U.S. Patent Application No. 09/314,648, filed May 19, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,681,028), which is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/130,624 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,324,573), filed August 6, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now U.S. Patent 5,841,978, issued November 24, 1998). Each of these patent documents is hereby incorporated by reference.

*Please amend paragraph [0012] as follows:

[0012] The present assignee's prior application 09/127,502, filed July 31, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,345,104), shows techniques by which very fine lines can be printed on a medium to slightly change the medium's apparent tint, while also conveying digital data. Commonly owned application 09/074,034, filed May 6, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,449,377), details how the contours of printed imagery can be adjusted to convey digital data. (That technique can be applied to printed text characters, as well as the line art imagery particularly considered.). Assignee's patent 5,850,481 details how the surface of paper or other media can be textured to convey optically-detectable binary data. The Assignee's patents 5,841,886, 5,809,160, and the priority applications cited above, detail various techniques for steganographically encoding.